



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 57

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 57 Month Ending March 2011

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

Permit applications to complete beach sediment sampling were submitted by the 13th of February. To date, the Spokane Tribe of Indians and the National Park Service have concurred that field sampling may proceed as outlined within Amendment No. 2 to the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). At this time, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) have not reviewed the permit application. We will continue to follow-up with the CCT to ensure that the permit is in place prior to field sampling activities, which is scheduled to occur later this month.

Collaborative efforts to evaluate 2010 (water-borne and sediment) white sturgeon data continues. A draft sediment QAPP was submitted on the 16th of March; while efforts in drafting a soil QAPP continue.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-892-2585.